

1 March 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

1. On 1 March 1949 [redacted] from the Director's office telephoned and advised that Mr. A. W. Kendall of the Broad Creek Citizens Association had telephoned the Director's office to obtain information on behalf of the Citizens Association concerning the new FBIB monitoring station at Hedgeneck, Maryland. [redacted] expressed the Director's desire that I call Mr. Kendall and make an appointment with him. He also asked that I express the Admiral's appreciation for the interest which this Association had taken in the project and answer Mr. Kendall's questions as fully as possible consistent with security regulations, and in any other way possible ingratiate ourselves with this Association. I telephoned Mr. Kendall (Code 131, extension 2413) and made an appointment with him in my office at 10:30 a.m., 1 March 1949.

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2. During the conference, which was also attended by [redacted] Chief Engineer, FBIB, and [redacted] Chief Engineer, FBIB East Coast Bureau, I briefed Mr. Kendall in very general terms on the history of the U.S. monitoring effort and on its growing importance in the psychological field. I spoke of our efforts to reorient this service to present day needs of our country, which had resulted in the relocation of several of our stations, one of which is the East Coast station now located at Silver Hill, Maryland, which will be moved to Hedgeneck when the subject project is completed. I also gave Mr. Kendall a copy of the FBIB unclassified Daily Report to take with him.

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3. Mr. Kendall was completely satisfied in every respect with the information he obtained, but requested that a representative of the organization address the Broad Creek Citizens Association at their next meeting, concerning not only the FBIB but the CIA in general. I carefully explained to Mr. Kendall the undesirability of any publicity at all for the organization and informed him that I felt sure that the Director would not favorably consider such action. He then indicated that he would address a letter to the Director making such a request, at which time I suggested that he allow me to present the problem to the Director, which he agreed to do. Mr. Kendall was most friendly and cordial, and in conclusion stated that if authority to make such an address could be granted, it would be greatly appreciated, but if it could not, he completely understood the reasons therefor and was satisfied in all respects.

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4. No classified information was shown to or discussed with Mr. Kendall in the course of our interview.

5. Following the interview I telephoned [redacted] and advised him of Mr. Kendall's request that an address to the Broad Creek Citizens Association be made. [redacted] telephoned me some time later and advised that the Admiral concurred in my thoughts on this matter and asked me to express his regrets to Mr. Kendall. I telephoned Mr. Kendall and conveyed this information to him, and he again reiterated that he understood completely and thanked me, as well as CIA, for his previous interview.

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